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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR TRANSACTIONAL PEER RECOVERY IN A DATA SHARING CLUSTERING COMPUTER SYSTEM**

the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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| None   |         |                      |                            |  |

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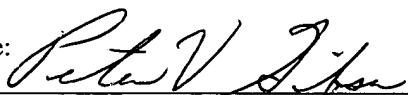
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